

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
for the  
Eastern District of Michigan

United States of America

v.

Nathaniel Coady

Case No. 1:24-mj-30500

Judge: Morris, Patricia T.

Filed: 11-20-2024

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of May 22, 2017 and February 13, 2018 in the county of Midland in the  
Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant(s) violated:

*Code Section**Offense Description*

18 U.S.C § 2251(a)

Sexual Exploitation of a minor and attempts

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit.

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence  
and/or by reliable electronic means.

Date: November 20, 2024City and state: Bay City, Michigan  
*Complainant's signature*Laura Trainer, Special Agent H.S.I.*Printed name and title*  
*Judge's signature*Hon. Patricia T. Morris, U.S. Magistrate Judge*Printed name and title*

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR  
CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AND ARREST WARRANT**

I, Laura Trainer, being first duly sworn, state as follows:

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. I am a Special Agent with the Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) in Detroit, Michigan. I have been employed as a Special Agent for HSI since March 2007 and am currently assigned to the Cyber Crimes Group. While employed as a Special Agent by HSI, I have assisted with investigations related to child exploitation and child pornography. I have received training in the area of child pornography and child exploitation and have had the opportunity to observe and review examples of child pornography (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256) in all forms of media, including computer media. In June 2019, I successfully completed the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Undercover Chatting Investigations training held in Fairfax, Virginia. In August 2020, I attended the Crimes Against Children Conference hosted virtually by the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center.

2. This affidavit is made in support of an application for a criminal complaint and arrest warrant for Nathaniel Ray Coady for violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a)(sexual exploitation of a minor and attempts).

3. The facts set forth in this affidavit are based upon my personal observations, my training and experience, and information made available to me by

other law enforcement professionals. These facts are provided for the sole purpose of establishing probable cause for the issuance of a criminal complaint and arrest warrant; therefore, this affidavit does not necessarily contain all information uncovered during this investigation. Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing a criminal complaint and arrest warrant, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation. I have set forth only the facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause for an arrest warrant for Nathaniel Ray Coady.

4. Pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, section 2256, “child pornography,” as used in this affidavit, includes any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer-generated image or picture of sexually explicit conduct where the production of the visual depiction involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

#### **BACKGROUND OF THE INVESTIGATION AND PROBABLE CAUSE**

5. The investigation, described more fully below, involves individuals who have engaged in the sexual exploitation of children through an internet-based, videoconferencing and chat application (“Application A”)<sup>1</sup>. Based on the

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<sup>1</sup> The name and capabilities of Application A are known to law enforcement, and include the ability to exchange chat messages, images and live video communications through the internet. The name of Application A is known to law enforcement but anonymized in this affidavit to protect operational security as HSI's investigation of others who engage in the sexual exploitation of children remains ongoing.

investigation, there is probable cause to believe that an individual identified as Nathaniel Ray Coady, has, among other things, used a particular account on Application A to engage or attempt to engage in the sexual exploitation of minors in violation of the above federal criminal statutes.

### **Background on Application A**

6. Based on my training, experience, and review of publicly available information, I know that Application A is a software product that allows users to conduct live video chats and voice calls with other users over the internet. Application A users can also send instant messages, exchange files and images, send video messages, and conduct multi-person conference calls. Application A is available for use on personal computers as well as smartphones, tablets, and other electronic devices. Users can sign up for an account and access Application A directly through Application A's website; alternatively, users can download the application, which allows them to access Application A from computers, tablets, cellular phones, certain televisions, and other electronic devices.

7. To access Application A, subscribers must create an account. Application A assigns a subscriber a unique name or ID, and a subscriber can then add a display name to their account. The user can change the display name at any time. The unique name or ID, by contrast, cannot be changed by the user.

8. Application A records some IP addresses associated with user activity, including the original IP address used for the creation of the account and the IP addresses captured at the time the user logs in to Application A. Application A may preserve chat communications and media content, including videos and images exchanged in chat conversations. Whether content is stored and retained, however, is a user-driven setting—that is, the user can determine whether the content will be retained. Application A does not store or retain the content of live video transmissions.

**Background on Online Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation via  
Webcam and the Internet**

9. HSI is investigating individuals who provide access to pre-produced child sexual abuse material and live-streaming online webcam shows involving the sexual abuse of children to paying customers worldwide. This growing transnational child-sexual-abuse industry includes child sex traffickers in, among other places, the Philippines, who collect viewership fees from vetted customers scattered throughout the world. Paying customers often request that these child sex traffickers provide pre-recorded depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct or sexually abuse minors in real time during private webcam interactions on a variety of streaming video services and applications, including Application A.

10. Based on my training, experience, and information conveyed to me by other law enforcement agents involved in the investigation of live-streaming

depictions of child sexual abuse, I know that it is common for such traffickers in the Philippines and elsewhere to be communicating with a large number of individuals who are paying for access to such material. I also know that it is common for the paying customers to be communicating with other traffickers—and sometimes many other traffickers—who are selling access to similar material over the internet. These individuals often use a variety of money service businesses to pay the traffickers or associates of the traffickers for access to this material, including Western Union, WorldRemit, MoneyGram, PayPal, Xoom, and Remitly.

11. HSI has identified an individual (hereinafter referred to as the “trafficker”) operating a child-sex-trafficking network from the Philippines. Based on undercover activity and other investigation, HSI is aware that the trafficker did, in fact, have access to minors to sexually abuse on camera and has offered to provide access, through the trafficker’s account on Application A, to visual depictions of one or more minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct in exchange for money.

### **INVESTIGATIVE DETAILS**

12. HSI Detroit received information that an individual, later identified as Nathaniel Coady, who was residing in the Eastern District of Michigan, which is within HSI Detroit’s Area of Responsibility was chatting with three different

traffickers via Application A, requesting and receiving live sex shows via Application A of minor aged children that the traffickers had access to, and sending financial payments to two of the traffickers via Moneygram in exchange for the sex shows, between the period of on or about May 22, 2017 and February 13, 2018.

13. For instance, on June 12, 2017, the following excerpts occurred verbatim between Trafficker Account 1 and Coady:

COADY:	Who is this?
TRAFFICKER 1:	Im site
COADY:	I can't tell if you just changed your name, have we talked before?
TRAFFICKER 1:	From247 Yes we talk site
COADY:	Ohhhhh... did I tell you what I want?
TRAFFICKER 1:	Underage
COADY:	<ss type="smile">: )</ss> do yo uhave?
TRAFFICKER 1:	Ihave cousin How old ulike,,?
COADY:	very young, how young do you have for show?
TRAFFICKER 1:	, ihave 10
COADY:	<ss type="smile">: )</ss> what will she do in show

for me?

TRAFFICKER 1: Anything uwant  
What do ulike

COADY: finger deep inside pussy, suck on toy,  
moaning  
maybe show with boy

TRAFFICKER 1: Oh sure I have Boy and Girl

COADY: will you prove you have girl and she will do  
show before I  
pay?

TRAFFICKER 1: Ok sure

TRAFFICKER 1 initiated a call with COADY at 9:20.

COADY: ok, now I see  
mmmmmm  
what does she do with boy?

TRAFFICKER 1: boy

TRAFFICKER 1 ended the call with COADY at 9:21.

TRAFFICKER 1: Suck  
Only

COADY: does he like it?  
She can finger fuck?  
<ss type="smile">: )</ss> does boy cum in  
show? does she  
take finger deep in pussy

TRAFFICKER 1: Yes  
Only to face  
Cum  
No pussy



COADY: and how much for show?

TRAFFICKER 1: 80\$?

COADY: how about 60? how do you like pay?

TRAFFICKER 1: Moneygram?

COADY: Moneygram is fine

TRAFFICKER 1: Can u do80?

COADY: for 80? two boy girl shows?  
I need your full name

TRAFFICKER 1: RONALYN CAMACHO

COADY: phillipines, cash pickup?  
after I send cash, ho long til show?  
move camera down a little

TRAFFICKER 1: YES  
CASH PICKUP

COADY: pesos or usd?

TRAFFICKER 1: Call me now

COADY: can we start as soon as I send?

TRAFFICKER 1: Send me now

The COADY sends a message to TRAFFICKER 1 that contains a receipt confirmation containing the name “RONALYN CAMACHO”, the country “Philippines”, the amount “85.00 USD” and a Cash Pickup Authorization number “42834028”.

TRAFFICKER 1: did u send?

COADY: yes, sent details

TRAFFICKER 1: ur name?

COADY: Nathaniel Coady  
write it down so I can erase it  
have her start show <ss type="smile">:  
)</ss>?  
Can yo uput finger in her pussy?

TRAFFICKER 1: yes  
i will suck her pusyy?

COADY: no that's good, another show tomorrow

14. On June 7, 2017, the following excerpts occurred verbatim between Trafficker Account 2 and the COADY:

COADY: It's waiting for you. Do you really need my name to pic it up?

TRAFFICKER 2: Yes

COADY: Nathaniel Coady  
I did, but then erased it

TRAFFICKER 2: And no Number Nw <ss type="sad">:  
(</ss>

COADY: 85011554

TRAFFICKER 2: Send transaction

At 8:15, the COADY sent Trafficker 2 a transaction receipt from Moneygram. The date on the transaction was "June 5, 2017 at 10:14 PM CDT". The Sender Information Name was "Nathaniel Coady" and the phone number listed was "+19896004214". The Receiver Information Name matched the name TRAFFICKER 2 sent to the COADY. The Expected Destination was listed as

“Philippines”. A cash reference number was listed along with the date available in the expected destination, and a transfer amount of “55.00 USD”.

COADY: This is what I have  
Did you write it down?  
When can you do show?

TRAFFICKER 2: Tommrw morning ?

COADY: ok, what time?  
Got to go, put what time and I’ll be back to  
see later

TRAFFICKER 2: 6am hon  
Uwill delete again?

COADY: YES

15. On June 20, 2017, the following excerpts occurred verbatim between Trafficker Account 2 and the COADY:

TRAFFICKER 2 initiated a call with COADY at 21:31.

COADY: I see <ss type=”smile”>: )</ss>  
mmmm  
like seeing her face too  
can you put your finger inside her?

TRAFFICKER 2: me?

COADY: sure

TRAFFICKER 2: ok

COADY: so I can see it go in, finger fuck her  
ok, turn her over  
hello  
do you have boy there?

TRAFFICKER 2: no  
boy  
only

COADY: ok  
have her spread legs and play with pussy  
and say daddy  
mmmmm can she suck man's cock?

TRAFFICKER 2: yes, nextshow  
today

COADY: mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm  
LOVE DADDY  
can you lick her pussy?

TRAFFICKER 2: OH  
but if I do u will stay help?

COADY: I wil help if she sucks man's cock

TRAFFICKER 2: she suck man

COADY: yes

TRAFFICKER 2: 100\$

COADY: no

TRAFFICKER 2: howmuch

COADY: 50

TRAFFICKER 2: ok can u d60?

COADY: IF she really suck, but not if she is scared  
and won't put in  
Mouth

TRAFFICKER 2: we have more

do on here  
most of guy  
and the cumming  
face

COADY: want to see, will help if she really suck man  
cock and he  
cum on face  
60

TRAFFICKER 2: yes

COADY: do it

TRAFFICKER 2: u send first?

COADY: no  
forget it  
just finish show  
have her suck on finger

TRAFFICKER 2: yes  
guy cumming

COADY: show first, then pay tonight

TRAFFICKER 2: No  
Pay me first

COADY: fisnish show

TRAFFICKER 2 ended the call with COADY at 21:45.

16. I have reviewed the chat communications on Application A between the Coady and Traffickers 1, 2 and 3. Based on my review, and my training, experience, and information conveyed to me by other law enforcement officers involved with the investigation of online child sex trafficking, I believe the chat

conversations are consistent with the sale of live-streaming depictions of child sexual abuse, wherein the child sex trafficker provides another individual with access to pre-produced or live-streaming video depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct in exchange for money.

17. As noted above, the Coady's conversations with Trafficker's 1, 2 and 3 occurred between May 22, 2017, and February 13, 2018, and included many exchanges similar to the ones described above.

18. On September 26, 2024, a subpoena was sent to Western Union Financial Services, Inc. requesting account information associated with Coady between September 26, 2017, and September 25, 2024. Western Union provided transactional data in response to the subpoena. The "Sender Name" for all the payments was listed as Nathaniel Coady, the "Sender Phone Number" is listed as (989)600-4214, the "Sender DOB [date of birth]" is listed as 1970.XX.XX and the "Sender Address" is listed as XXX Lambros, Midland, MI 48642. Three different payments made in September and October 2018 included a "Sender IP" of 75.134.170.237. Using an open-source website, I determined the "Sender IP 75.134.170.237" matched the information obtained from the IP Address used to create Coady's Account on Application A.

19. I confirmed that the phone number (989)600-4214 listed in one of the Moneygram payments was associated with Nathaniel Ray Coady in the Eastern

District of Michigan. Further, a search of a public records database confirmed that Nathaniel Coady was associated with the same residence located at XXX Lambros, Midland, MI 48642.

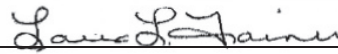
20. On November 20, 2024, personnel from HSI Detroit executed a federal search warrant at Coady's residence. Coady was at the residence during the search warrant and declined to speak to law enforcement.

21. A search of the residence was conducted, and a Samsung Galaxy S23 Ultra cell phone was located in the Coady's bedroom on the nightstand next to the bed. During a manual review of this phone, I observed that the phone was named "Nathaniel's S23 Ultra" and the phone number was listed as (989)600-4214.

### III. CONCLUSION

22. I respectfully submit that there is probable cause to believe that Nathaniel Ray Coady violated Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a). Wherefore by this affidavit and application, Affiant requests that the Court authorize the issuance of a criminal complaint and arrest warrant for Nathaniel Ray Coady.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura L. Trainer, Special Agent  
Department of Homeland Security  
Homeland Security Investigations

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
on the 20th day of November 2024.



Hon. Patrica T. Morris  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE